



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Peabody's 'Hip Little Stay' B&B Luray, VA



Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

Peabody's 'Hip Little Stay' B&B

This hip Stay is a unique bed & breakfast oasis. The entire stay is about 90% furnished with reuse, recycle - up and down.. including the landscaping.

Being designated Virginia Green works perfectly in the natural, organic feel of Peabody's 'Hip Little Stay.' The Stay has been continually put together with love from the side of the road, friend of the community, family and through thrift and consignment. Compost feeds the gardens which are 75% donated by the community as the "Community Garden". The community is invited to pick flowers and harvest vegetables from their garden. Fruits and vegetables are also donated to Page 1 who donated plants. This really is a hip green Stay!

Peabody's 'Hip Little Stay' purchases local produce and supplies for the benefit of the me as the owner, my dog and the guests who are lucky to visit this hip oasis. For a unique adventure, guests are invited to participate (for an additional fee) in a "WOW" breakfast which is a farm-to-table and local (when available) yummy delight for early risers. As a past volunteer in many capacities, I want to share as much education on the impact of recycling and saving energy with our guests that I have been lucky enough to learn. This is the B&B I hope keeps giving as that IS hip!

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures

- Change linens only upon request
- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use a service that has environmentally-preferable wet cleaning for dry-clean only items
- Line dry linens whenever possible

Recycle

- Have in place clearly marked recycling bins or provide convenient drop-off locations for guests to recycle:

- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Newspaper
- Office paper

Other items recycled by the facility:

- Cardboard

Reduce solid waste

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms
- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Donate excess food from events
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made from recycled content
- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable (in your area!)
- Use cloth napkins
- Use reusable coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex, low or no-VOC paints
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles

- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

Use water efficiently

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have minimized our lawn area

Conserve energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have individual thermostats for each room; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Use natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used



For more information on **Peabody's 'Hip Little Stay' B&B**, see www.peabodysluray.com or contact Judy Peabody at peabodysluray@gmail.com or 540-742-0696.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx.



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